

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Surely their decision to preempt programs for ninety minutes days before a Presidential election to air a biased program that serves as an election ad for one party is blatant misuse of the public airwaves.

Sinclair is ruthlessly defying the law to promote their particular political agenda. If this is allowed to stand the fairness of a free and public system on our airwaves suffers great and wide ranging damage. That damage strikes at the workings of an honest democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve a system that holds such behavior properly and firmly accountable. Thank you